

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Omar Flores-Sanchez |
| Mitsushige MURATA, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 3724 |
| Application No.: 10/691,541 |) | |
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Mail Stop Amendment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.